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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 10, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants respectfully submit the following response for entry in the above-identified case.

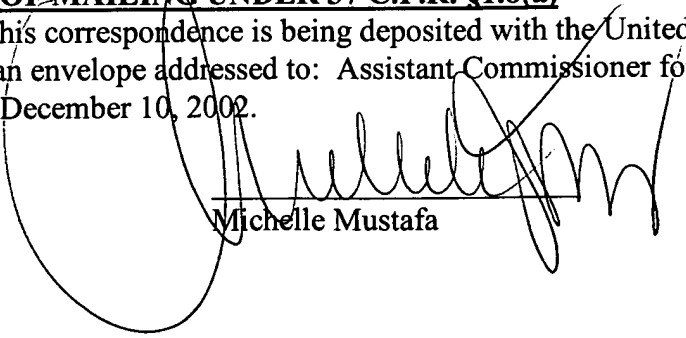
**REMARKS**

In the Official Action dated September 10, 2002, claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over JP(H6-227994) (hereinafter "the '994 patent") in view of Chromecek, U.S. Patent No. 4,962,133 (hereinafter "Chromecek").

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